

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to appeal brief filed on 13 June 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,4 and 6-8.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 22 October 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 01/31/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

After Final Amendment

The after final amendment filed on February 8, 2005 has been entered to correct grammatical errors and place claims in better form.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee

The application has been amended as follows: In claim 4, last line of the claim, the word, "said" between "to" and "switching", has been changed to - -a- -, to correct an antecedent basis problem.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1, 3, 7, and 8 have been found to be allowable because the prior art of record either alone or in combination neither discloses nor makes obvious the image display apparatus comprising the particular feature of the first image light generation means/ first light image generator setting color component values of the individual color components, which form the first color component group, so that the first display image light may be generated with a chromaticity point and luminance equal to those of a second display image light to be generated by synthesizing image lights individually

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corresponding to color components of a second color component group whose color components in combination are different from those of a first color component group, in combination with a switching means/switch for switching/that switches the image lights to be synthesized by said display image light generation means/generator between the image lights generated by the first image generation means/ generator and image lights generated by said second image light generation means/ generator based on data provided through a predetermined image pattern input to said switching means/switch, further in combination with the other particular combination of features recited in claim 1 or claim 7.

Claim 4 and 6 have been found to be allowable because the prior art of record either alone or in combination neither discloses nor makes obvious the image display method comprising a method step with the particular feature of the first image light generation step setting color component values of the individual color components, which form the first color component group, so that the first display image light may be generated with a chromaticity point and luminance equal to those of a second display image light to be generated by synthesizing image lights individually corresponding to color components of a second color component group whose color components in combination are different from those of a first color component group, in combination with a switching step of switching the image lights to be synthesized by said display image light generation step between the image lights generated by the first image generation step and image lights generated by said second image light generation steps based on data provided through a predetermined image pattern input to a switching

means, further in combination with the other particular combination of features recited in claim 4.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rochelle Blackman whose telephone number is (571) 272-2113. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W B Perkey", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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William Perkey
Primary Examiner